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[Berlin-Lichterfelde

1928-1932

Germany]

The Curator of the American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter is received. As I have indeed the intention to sell a part of my collection of Indian and other Oriental coins, I take the liberty to send you a list of old and modern coins, among which there are many rare and interesting pieces. Some of them are not contained in the great European collections, eg. the Brit. Museum. If you consider this collection to be interesting enough to be sent to your Society, I am ready to do so. As to the modern pieces, you may perhaps know members of your Society collecting such coins, as you kindly wrote me. Perhaps I could send the coins of the list to you by aid of the Consul General of the U. S. A., to whom I have the honour to be acquainted.

Very truly yours

Dr. H. Künike.

16, Flotowstr.
Berlin-Lichterfelde
Germany. 10/1/28.

A list of the rarest coins of the Collection.

- No. 8. Persia. Kazwin. Falcon seizing stag. 18. Cent.
AE. Not in the Brit. Museum Catalogue.
- No. 27. Ilchanians of Persia. Abū Seyd Bahadūr.
716-736 A.H. Not in the Brit. Mus. Catalogue.
Cat. Ottomanli-Mus. No. 288. AE.
- No. 29, 30. Urtūkis of Māridīn. Najm-ad-dīn
Alpī. 547-572 A.H. Heads. One piece gilded.
Gilded pieces belong to the greatest rarities. AE.
- No. 31. Urtūkis of Māridīn. Nāsir-ad-dīn Urtūk-
Arslān. 597-637. Dat. 606. Man riding lion. AE.
- No. 33. India. Kūmāragūpta I. 414-455 A.D. Small AE.
- No. 44. India. Vijayanagar? Rāma-tanka with mythol-
gical scenes from the Rāmāyana. Inscriptions very ancient
(Style of King Asoka.) Highly valued in India. AR.
- No. 47. Ayyūbi. ʿAl-ʿAʿdīl Seyf-ad-dīn Abū Bekr
Ahmad ibn Ayyūb. 592-615 A.H. Dat. 602, coined
in Dimashk. Not in the Cat. of Brit. Mus. AR.
- No. 48. Ilchanians of Persia. Abū Seyd Bahadūr. Dat.
727 or 729 A.H. AE.
- No. 49. The same. Another coin. AE.
- No. 52. Saljūki of Er Rūm. ʿFẖẖ-ad-dīn Kayḳāwūs I.

- ibn Kay-Khūroo. 607-616 A.H. AE.
- No. 54. Saljūki of Er Rūm. 'Alā'-ad-din Kay-Kūbad I. ibn Kay Khūroo. 616-633 A.H. Not in the Cat. of Brit. Mus. AE.
- No. 57. Saljūki of Er Rūm. 'Faz-ed-din Kay-Kawūs II. ibn Kay Khūroo. 643-655 A.H. AE.
- No. 59. Atābegs in Halab. Nūr ad din Mahmūd ibn Zengee. 541-569 A.H. AE.
- No. 60. Golden Horde. Mohammad Güläk chan. 771-780 A.H. Very odd inscriptions on the Rev. AR.
- No. 77. Georgia. Erekle II. 1752-98 A.D. Tiflis. Fish. AE.
- No. 81. Syria. Early Arabs. 8. cent. A.D. AE.
- No. 82. Abbasid. Dat. 400? Horse. Inscriptions obliterated. Coins with animals of the Abbasids belong to the greatest rarities. AE.
- No. 84. Abbasid. Abū-l-'Abbās Ahmad er Rādi. 322-329 A.H. Baghdad. Very fine. AR.
- No. 85. Samanid. El Mūktadir Billah Ahmad ibn Fmael. 295-301 A.H. Samarkand. Fine. AR.
- No. 86. The Same, another coin. Fine. AR.
- No. 87. Spain. Beni Fdris of Malaga. Mohammad I. al Mahdi Billah. 438-444 A.H. Andalūs. AR.
- No. 93. Ilchanians of Persia. Akhan Uljaitū. 703-716 A.H. Lion. AE. Not in the Cat. of Brit. Mus.
- No. 97. Khūwārezm. Alā-ad-din Mohammad. 596-617 A.H. Large copper.
- No. 98. The Same. Another coin. Large copper.

Rubings of
Coins of
Mangn-Chan.
646-655 A.H.



No. 99. Jingis-Chan? 603-624. Large copper. Extremely rare, not in the Brit. Mus; not in the Berlin Münz-cabinet; hitherto unknown in literature.

No. 100, 101. Similar to No. 99.

No. 102. Mangū-Chan. 646-655 A.H. Large copper. Extremely rare, as No. 99, hitherto unknown.

No. 103, 104. Similar to No. 102.

No. 105. Similar to No. 99.

No. 106, 7. Similar to No. 102.

No. 108. Mangū Chan? Similar to No. 102.

No. 109. Jingis Chan. Similar to No. 99.

No. 110. Mangū Chan. Similar to No. 102.

No. 111. Jingis Chan. Similar to No. 99.

No. 112. Mangū Chan? Similar to No. 102.

No. 113. Jingis Chan. Similar to No. 99.

No. 114, 5. Mangū Chan. Similar to No. 102.

No. 116. Jingis Chan. Similar to No. 99.

No. 117, 8. Mangū Chan. Similar to No. 102.

No. 120. Georgia. Dawith Soslan. 1243-1269 A.D. Tiflis.

Under the rule of the Mongols. A.E.

No. 159. Samanid. Baltic imitation of a Samanid Dirhem. Very fine. A.R.

No. 160. Samanid. El Muktadir Billah Ahmad ibn Fmael. 295-301 A.H. A.R. Very fine.

No. 162. Samanid. Nūh I. ibn Naṣr. 331-343 A.H. With the name of his son Abd al Malik as governor of Būkhārā. Dat. 334. Būkhārā. A.E.

No. 163. India. Kings of Ohind or Kābul. Sāmānta deva. 10. Century A.D. Obv. Bull, Rev. Horseman. A.R.

No. 164. Camboja. Bird. Rev. plain. 18. cent. A.R.

- No. 165. Camboja. Similar to no. 164, but AE.
- No. 169. India, Madras. 5 Fanams. (EANAMS!!) 19. cent. AR.
- No. 184. Camboja. Winged figure. Very fine. AR.
- No. 193. India. Yasodāman II. 317-322 A.D. Head. AR.
- No. 194. India. Rūdrasena II. 256-274 A.D. Head. AR.
- No. 195. Saljūki of Er Rūm. Giyāth-ad-din Kay-Khūtrō II. ibn Kay-Kūbād. 634-643 A.H. Lion and Sun. Very fine. AR.
- No. 196. Beni Zengee. Bedr-ad-din Lū-lū. 631-657 A.H. Head. Pierced. AE.
- No. 201. Turkey. Mohammad II. A.H. 855-886. AE.
- No. 203. Golden Horde. Timūr Choja Chan. 762 A.H. AE.
- No. 204. Golden Horde. Not identified. With the figure of a horse. Not to be found in literature. AE.
- No. 206. Amawis of Spain. 280 A.H. 'Omar ibn Hafsūn? AE.
- No. 212. Ayyūbi. El Muzaffar Ghazi. 628-642. AE.
- No. 213. Ayyūbi. En-Nāsir Selah-ad-din Jussuf ibn El-'Adil. 634-658 A.H. AE.
- No. 214. The Same. Another coin. AE.
- No. 215. Ayyūbi. El-Anhad Nejm-ad-din Ayyūb ibn El-'Adil. 597-607 A.H. Base Silver.
- No. 226. Early Hehanians. Arghūn. 683-690 A.H. Bird. Mongol. Inscription. Not in the Brit. Mus. Cat. Not to be found in literature. AE.
- No. 229. Persia. Tiflīs? Animals on obv. and Rev. 11. or 12. cent. A.H. AE, silvered.
- No. 233. Turkey. Mohammad II. 855-866 A.H. Dat. 857. AE.
- No. 234. Persia. Shemākhi. Dat. 1118? A.H. AE. Not in the Brit. Mus. Catalogue.

The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Some time ago I took the liberty to send you a list of oriental coins. Having got no answer since, I suppose that my letter has been lost. So I send you a short list of the rarest coins of my collection. Moreover I made a numismatical discovery of the greatest importance. I happened to get a find of 20 coins of the great Mongol Chans. These coins were found together with two coins of Ala ad din Mohamad, the last Sultan of Khūwārezm (Chiwa), 596-617 A.H. The two coins of this sovereign are similar to those described in the British Museum Orient. Catal. Vol. II, Pl. 7, No. 590, 591, but a little different. As to the 20 other coins, they are coined in a similar manner as the two mentioned, but they bear on the Obv. the Inscriptions:

Chan resp. Mangū Chan
The Imam the
very sublime
Nasiraddin Allah.

(compare the
rubbing and
the drawing.)

The Rev. shows the Sunnitic Formula, also ending

with "Nasiraddin Allah."

As the Khalif of Baghdad Nasiraddin was in the days of Mangū Chan (646-655 A.H.) already dead a long time, these coins are very remarkable.

The coins with "Chan" only on the top belong with the greatest probability to Jingis Chan, the great conqueror.

The find contains 8 coins of Jingis Chan, 11 coins of Mangū Chan, one uncertain which seems to be restrüch, and 2 coins of Ala ad din Mohammad. The coins show many little variants.

After a very careful investigation on these large copper coins I came to the conclusion that they are perhaps the rarest coins of the world.

Neither The Brit. Museum, nor The Berlin Münz-cabinet are possessing coins of this type.

There may be in their possession similar types of Khūwārezm coins, but they belong to Ala ad din Mohammad, not to Jingis Chan or Mangū Chan.

Coins of the Great Chans are of the greatest rarity, as you know, and coins of this type are probably hitherto quite unknown.

At least I never saw them in any publication

concerning oriental coins of which I studied
very many with the greatest care.

This find is designed in the list with the
Numbers 97-118.

Now I am ready to sell my whole collection
of 224 oriental coins to your Museum
at a price of \$1500. - which seems to
me a reasonable one.

Expecting your kind answer,

very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

Americanist and Orientalist.

16 Flotowstr.
Berlin-Lichterfelde,
Germany.

12.3.28.

Rejoinder

26th March, 1928

Dr. H. Kunike,
16, Flotowstrasse,
Berlin-Lichterfelde,
Germany

Dear Sir:

Your original communication of January 10th as well as your last communication of March 12th, at hand. Please pardon the delay in answering your letter. I have looked carefully through the description of your coins and as we have been very busy this took considerable time. I also have studied carefully the contents of your last letter. Also, I have shown your communication to one or two collectors, but can find no one sufficiently interested in your pieces. As a matter of fact, we get probably far more Oriental coins in this country than you do in Germany, as there is a large traffic in these from the Orient to New York. I am very sorry to say that we would not be interested in purchasing any of these coins, as I find that we have virtually every piece you describe. We can buy all of the copper coins that we care for for a few cents each; oftentimes we buy them by the pound. The same applies to the silver coins. A few years ago, we bought Mr. Valentine's collection and we are now negotiating for the balance, he having died in January.

Because a coin is not listed in the British Museum Catalogue does not necessarily mean that it is rare. They have added as much again to their collection since their books were published. We also find that at least two-thirds of our coins are unpublished, and we think that this rule applies to nearly every collection of Oriental coins.

I have read with much interest your remarks about the find you have of 20 large thin copper coins. We have 24 of these in our own collection, showing all the types that you describe. Part of these are from a find made about 20 years ago; others have come in piece by piece.

I am returning to you your drawings, as I feel that you could advantageously use them somewhere else. I really do not know of any one in this country who would care to see them, as I have shown them to the only two collectors I know of who might appreciate them.

I beg to remain,

very truly yours,

Berlin-Lichterfelde,
Germany.
Flotowstr. 16.
6.6.30.

The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter from May 29. has been received.
Herewith I take the liberty to send you the
12 pieces desired, with the original drawings
designated. For these coins I propose a price
of \$75, according to my proposition of
\$500 for the whole collection, without recon-
sidering that most of these coins occur only once
in my collection. If you would take these
coins, I entreat you kindly to send me this
sum.

Moreover, I send you copies of two other
coins. Concerning the price, I propose for
the Čaghatai-Mongol coin \$10, for the
Indian coin \$8.

Very truly yours,
Dr. H. Künike.

June 17, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike
Flotow Str. 16
Lichterfelde
Berlin, Germany

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 6th is at hand, and while I appreciate that the price you put on the coins you sent us is in proportion to the whole, nevertheless the price for the whole or part is far beyond what we wish to pay, or what we consider a proper market value derived from our experience with these coins. As I wrote you, we have thirty-five varieties, and I think about sixty coins in all. These we bought from the Oliver sale, a few directly from Mr. Oliver, a few from various channels, and a large number of the large size from a Russian collector. Our records show that those bought in private sales range from 60 cents to \$1.25 each, and a few from the public sale of the Oliver Collection were acquired at a lesser price. Your pieces average roughly about \$6.00 each. I have talked it over with our President and we came to the conclusion that we are not warranted in paying more than \$20.00 for the pieces you sent us. This price, although much less than your price, is, we think, more than you could get elsewhere. The only Museums that would be interested are the British Museum and your own Museum in Berlin, and I note that they value these pieces less than we do.

I am holding the pieces here until I hear from you as to what you wish done with them - either returned to you, or have us keep them for the price we offer.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Dear Sir:

Your Kind letter has been received.
As I think that your arguments
concerning the price of the coins are
striking, and that my coins will
have a fitting place in your Col-
lection, I am ready to sell them
for \$20., and entreat you kindly
to send me this sum.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

16 Flotowstr.

Berlin-Lichtenfelde.

27.6.30.



Čaġhatai-Mongolen.

Mittelasien.

Samarġand.

Dat. 7..

Būyān Kūlī.

(1348-59.)





Indien.

Sultane von Delhi.

Muhammed b. San.

(1193-1205 H.)

Ghazna

6..

AR.



July 8, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike
16 Plotow St.
Berlin, Lichterfelde
Germany

Dear Dr. Kunike:

Your favour of the 6th is just at hand, and I am directing our bank to send you a cheque for the equivalent of twenty dollars. This should reach you within a few days of receipt of this letter. I appreciate your courtesy and co-operation in letting us have these pieces at the price named.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

August 12, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike
16 Flotow Street
Berlin - Lichtenfelde
Germany

Dear Dr. Kunike:

We have decided to avail ourselves of your offer of
the Chagati coins at forty collars. Please send these to us, and
we are instructing our bank to send you a cheque for this amount.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

The American Numismatic Society,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Adjoined I send you the rest of my
collection for \$40.00.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künke.

16 Flotowstr.
Berlin-Lichterfelde.

22. 8. 30.

September 3, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike
16 Flötter Str.
Berlin - Lichterfelde

Dear Dr. Kunike:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the
coins which you sent us and for which the sum of \$40.00
has already been remitted to you. Please accept our thanks.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Oct. 15, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike

16 Flotow Street

Berlin - Lichterfelde

Germany

Dear Dr. Kunike:

May I ask a few further questions concerning those coins dug up near Karakul? What expedition found these, or was it some traveller, or possibly you yourself brought them out? Also, have they been published, and if not are they going to be?

I should appreciate your courtesy in replying to the above.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

The Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I take the liberty to send
you the rest of my oriental coins.
The large silver piece was coined in
Gazna under the reign of Mohammed
G. Sau, Sultan of Delhi, 18. century.
One of the copper coins belongs to
Ala ed din Kai Kubad I. ibn Kai
Khusrū, Seljuki of Er Rām (1219-
1236). The other coins I cannot
ascertain.

As you sent me only \$40 for
my Caghatai-Collection, instead of
\$60, I entreat you to send me
now \$10 as an equivalent for
these coins and the Caghatai-coins.

In this year I made one of the
greatest discoveries concerning the
Indian races. I came to the con-
clusion that the Mexicans, Maya,
Peruvians, and also a great deal
of the North American Indians, came
from Asia between 3000 and 2000
B.C. Therefore, they are to be
ranged among the old culture na-
tions of the Old World. The most
striking evidence of this fact you
will find in a series of articles
"Die Quadranten-Theorie" in the
journal "Der Erdball", IV, 1930,
which appears under my direction
in Berlin.

Expecting your kind answer
very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

Berlin-Lichterfelde.

Krömmestr. 4.

17.10.30.

The American Numismatic Society,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter has been received. The name of the traveller, who found the coins of Karakul, is quite unknown, even to the Esutkman, from whom I got the find, and there is also no hope, to find him out. I had the intention to publish the find, but if you will do it, I shall not oppose.

Some days ago I sent you some Indian and other Oriental coins. For the \$ 10 demanded, I give you these coins, and also the whole rights concerning the publication of all the coins I sent you. I shall be very glad to receive one day a paper of yours on the interesting find of Karakul.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Kunze.

4 Krümmert.
Bism-Lichterfelde.

25. 10. 30.

Nov. 28, 1930

Dr. H. Kunike
4 Krummestrasse
Berlin-Lichterfelde
Germany

Dear Dr. Kunike:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter, but for the past few weeks we have had to put all our efforts in^{to} getting ready for the opening of our new Museum which took place on the 15th. Also I had to look up our records since you stated that you had only received forty dollars. Our records show that on July 9th we directed our bank to send you twenty dollars for the first lot of coins which was the price agreed upon in your letter of June 27th. If you have not received this money, please let us know. For the balance of the coins we directed our bank to send you, on August 13th, the sum of forty dollars. This we know you have received.

Herewith I am enclosing a ten-dollar bill for the balance of the coins which you sent. This is a little more than what they are worth, but it is our desire to have you satisfied.

Although I have never studied especially our American Indians and their origin, I have always felt that they must have had an Asiatic origin. You undoubtedly know that much study has been put on this in recent years, but much more has yet to be done.

Very cordial ly yours,

Curator.

The American Numismatic Society.

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your three sendings have been received. I thank you very much. When my new work will appear, I shall take the liberty to send you a copy of it.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

Berlin-Lichterfelde,
4. 12. 30.

Abfänger:

Dr. H. Kunike.

Postamt:
Berlin-Lichtenfeld,
Künneberg, 1. St. 11

Berlin-Lichtenfeld,
Künnebergstr. 4.



Postkarte

Post-card.



The American
Numismatic Society.

New York, N. Y.

Broadway between 155th
Street, Hausnummer,
Gebäudeteil, Stockwerk and 156th Streets.
U. S. A.

The American Numismatic Society

New York.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I take the liberty to send you a series of 24 oriental coins. Some of the specimens are very interesting, and probably rare. No. 10 I never saw in a Catalogue of coins. I hope that these coins may be valuable enough for your collection, and entreat you, kindly to write me what price you will voluntarily send me for them.

When you publish a paper on the Caghatai-coins, I sent you some time ago, I shall very glad to receive a copy of it.

Very truly yours

Dr. H. Künze.

Berlin - Lichtfeldstr.

4 Krümmestr.

30. 6. 31.

Oriental Coins.

1. *Indo-Skythian. Kuvishka. About 150-80 B.C.*
2. *India. Spalapati deva. 9th Century A.D.*
3. " *Jāmanaka deva. 10th Century A.D.*
4. " *Prithvī-Rājā ? 1175-93 A.D.*
5. " *Firoz Shah Tughlaq. 1351-58 A.D. Delhi.*
6. " *Husain Shah 1458-76 A.D. Jaunpūr. Dat. 864 A.H.*
7. " *Dat. 897 A.H.*
8. " *Mahmūd Shah II. 1510-30. Malwa.*
9. " *Krishna Radja Wodeyar. 1799-1868. Mysore. Dat. 1841.*
10. " *Pondicherry or Mahé ? Fleur de lis.*
11. *Ceylon. Parākrama Bāhi I. 1153-86 A.D.*
12. " *Lilavati. 1197-1200 A.D.*
13. *Abassee. Abū Mūhammed Mūsa el-Hakī. 169-170 A.H.*
14. " *Harūn-er-Rashid. 190-193 A.H.*
15. " "
16. " "
17. " "
18. " "
19. " "
20. *Holuki. Kūṭub-ed-dīn Al-Ghāzī II. 572-80 A.H.*
21. " *Hūsam-ed-dīn Gūlāt-Arslan. 580-97 A.H.*
22. *Türkey. Bayezid II. ? 886-910 A.H.*
23. " *Mūstafa III. 1171-87. A.H. Dat. 1187 A.H.*
24. " *Mūstafa ?*
25. " *Mahmūd ?*
26. " " ?
27. " ?
28. " ?
29. " ?

July 29, 1931.

Dr. H. Künike
4 Krumme Strasse
Berlin - Lichterfelde.

Dear Sir:

Your letter with the coins came to hand while I was away. I have carefully looked things over and find not a single specimen that we do not have represented in our collection. We have about 30,000 Mohammedan coins. In consequence, I am returning these coins to you. I am very sorry to have to do this and beg to remain

Yours sincerely,

HW:JG

The American Numismatic Society,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I take the liberty to send you
a list of some oriental coins.

If you are willing to choose a number of
them for your collection, I entreat you
kindly to designate the specimens wanted.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

4 Krummestra.

Berlin-Lichterfelde.

Germany.

28. 10. 31.

November 9, 1931.

Dr. H. Künike
4 Krummestrasse
Berlin, Lichterfelde.
Germany.

Dear Sir:

Your letter came to hand Saturday and I was most glad to hear from you. I wish first to compliment you on the care which you have taken in making these drawings. I am sorry to say that we have all of these coins with the possible exception of two checked on page 5. It may seem strange to you that we have all or so many of these coins but with the many thousand Mohammedan coins in our collection we have very largely all of the important types. Our Seljuke coins alone number 700, as do our various Turkman coins. I would be very glad to get these two coins, No. 31 and No. 34. I am returning these drawings to you, as you have spent so much time on them and could undoubtedly use them to advantage elsewhere.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter has been received.
Herewith I take the liberty to send
you the two coins wanted. Write
me, please, what price you are
willing to give for them.

I also adjoin a copy of a very
strange copper-coin of Sāsānid
type. Perhaps you may take interest
in it.

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

4 Krummstr.
Berlin-Lichterfelde.
Germany.
2 i. 1 i. 3 i.



34. Georgia.

Constantine II.

1407-1414 A.D.

Ch.



31. Persia.

Mohamed Shah.

1250-1264 A.H.

A.R.

19. 12. 31.

Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago I sent you a registered letter containing the two coins wanted. As I did not get your kind answer till now, I take the liberty to send you these lines.

With my best wishes for a happy and gay Christmas,

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. Künike.

Absender: Dr. H. Künike.

Wohnort: Berlin-Lichterfeld.

Straße, Hausnummer,
Gebäudezeile, Stockwerk

Kräumerstr. 4.

Postkarte

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The American
Numismatic Society.

in New York, N. Y.

Broadway between 155th
and 156th Streets.

U. S. A.

January 6, 1932.

Dr. H. Künike
4 Krumme Strasse
Berlin, Lichterfelde.

Dear Dr. Künike:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of November 21st. I put it aside to show the rubbing of the Sassanian type coin to Mr. Newell and the letter got mislaid.

I have shown this coin to Mr. Newell and he says he would be interested in it, if you care to sell it for \$1.00. The two coins you sent on are not what I thought they were. The silver coin is not Persian but a modern coin of Khwarezm. We have several of the type but do not have this date. The little coin I do not think is Georgian, but a counterfeit of a coin of Tripoli. I am herewith sending you \$1.00 for these two. If this is not satisfactory to you let me know and I will return the two coins. Thank you for sending these and if you care to send on the Sassanian copper coin I would be pleased to have you do so.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

The American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Your kind letter has been received; I thank you very much.

Herewith I take the liberty to send you a copy of a Sasanian coin which is of outmost rarity. This coin is unique, unpublished, and unknown in literature. In the excellent modern work of Paruck on Sasanian coins, there is not a single specimen similar to this piece. Therefore, it is a quite new type. Mr. Allan of the British Museum, London wrote me that this coin is quite new for him.

The inscription of this copper coin is to be read Artakshatr, i. e. Ardeshir III., 628-630 A.D. This sovereign was only 7 years old, when he ascended the throne, and died in his 10. year.

As I think that you will be fond
of acquiring such an interesting
piece, which exists only once on
the world, I take the liberty to
offer it you at a price of \$ 100.00.

Expecting your kind answer,

very truly yours

Dr. H. Künike.

4 Krümme Str.
Berlin-Lichterfelde.
Germany.
29. 4. 32.

May 25, 1932.

Dr. H. Kunike
4 Krummestr.
Berlin-Lichterfelde
Germany.

Dear Dr. Kunike:

Your letter of April 29th came to hand, a number of days ago. I have been holding this to show to Mr. Newell. Although much interested in the Sasanian coin, and Mr. Newell backs up your statement that it is unknown, he is not interested in it. At the present time he is making very few purchases and our museum is now very limited in funds. I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator